

Chief, Economic Research

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Chief, Industrial Division

Zurich Air Show, May 1956

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1. Attached is a memorandum from [REDACTED] of the Aircraft Branch, concerning tentative Soviet plans for participation in the Zurich Air Show.

2. You will note that the largest area of doubt relates to the display of the Badger and other large aircraft. Our greatest interest is, of course, in these.

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3. I recommended to [REDACTED] that he encourage the Air Force to take the initiative in getting qualified observers to the Air Show. It does not seem to me that this is our function. On the other hand, we have a very great interest in having a qualified [REDACTED] view the aircraft if they are on display. It would seem to be a better part of valor to make preparations for [REDACTED] or someone with [REDACTED] background to go. If it is learned later that the Soviets will not provide a static display of bombers or transports, these preparations could be cancelled.

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I/AR Memo dated 19 Mar 56

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